REMARKS

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the attention accorded to the instant application. Claims 13-14 are pending in the application.

I. Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph

The Examiner has rejected claims 14 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention.

Applicants have amended claims 14 to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter regarded as the invention. Applicants respectfully submit that proper antecedent basis is provided for in the claims with the amendment.

Since there is no prior art rejection for claim 14, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 14 is now in condition for allowance.

II. Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §102

The Examiner has rejected claims 13 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,668,595 to Katayama et al. ("Katayama").

The Examiner states that Katayama teaches all of the claimed features of the present invention. The Examiner states that Katayama discloses a multi-lens imaging apparatus with a mechanism for combining a plurality of images without displacement of registration with the same method of mechanically adjusting the aiming of a 3D lens/camera.

Applicants have amended claim 13 to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the features of the present invention. In particular, Applicants have amended claim 13 to recite that the first 3D lens/camera is rotated about a vertical axis with respect to a "fixed" vertical axis position of a second 3D lens/camera. The present invention, as recited in amended claim 13, is directed to a method of mechanically adjusting the aiming of a 3D lens/camera assembly by simultaneously rotating a 3D lens/camera with a single adjustment. Vertical rotation (or tilt) is accomplished by rotating one camera about a vertical axis with respect to a fixed vertical axis position of a second 3D lens/camera.

In contrast, Katayama teaches a multi-lens imaging apparatus for obtaining a single image by using the plurality of imaging systems. Importantly, Katayama only teaches focusing on an arbitrary point by a vertical deviation independently for each of the imaging systems. See Katayama col.7, line 57 to col. 8, line 3. That is, each imaging system is adjusted independent of the orientation of the other imaging system(s). There is no teaching or suggestion in Katayama to rotate one imaging system along a vertical axis with respect to the fixed vertical axis of the other imaging system.

Applicants respectfully request withdrawal and reconsideration of the claim rejection in light of the preceding amendment and remarks. Applicants respectfully request early notice of allowance for all of the pending claims.

III. Conclusion

Accordingly, Applicants believes that all of the pending claims are now in a condition for allowance. Early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

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